

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 22, 1951

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

Re report of Special Agent MAHLON J. PRICE dated January 15 last at Philadelphia.

It is noted that referenced report designates Philadelphia as office of origin in this case. Bulet of November 30, 1950, copy of which was not received by Philadelphia, specifically designates the Washington Field Office as office of origin, and accordingly, the Bureau and all offices which received a copy of referenced report are requested to change office of origin from Philadelphia to Washington Field.

cc: Philadelphia  
New YorkDGH:CFP  
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*The matter reported by Phila. actually relates to sep. matter. No harm done. Informing WFO to coordinate. 1-26-51*

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

WASHINGTON FIELD

FILE NO. 105-882

REPORT MADE AT <b>SAN FRANCISCO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>FEB 1 1951</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/7,13,26/50 1/2,24/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[redacted] - dvb</b>
TITLE <b>COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - PI</b> b6 b7C	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS. <b>SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL</b> <i>No dissemination at this time. Consider request for complete investigation 2-10-51 W.B.</i> [redacted] was born [redacted] at [redacted]. He is presently [redacted] worked summer of 1950 as [redacted] for [redacted] and resided at [redacted]. His contacts were principally [redacted] in the offices of [redacted] worked previous summers at the [redacted] and the [redacted]. - RUC - C/A State 12/15/51 1/11/51 FD-Phil - INS C-2 12/15/51			
DETAILS: <b>AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA</b> San Francisco T-1, of unknown reliability, has indicated that one [redacted] was interested in the various political movements in the Philippines. According to SF T-1, it is his opinion that [redacted] is a Communist and further that he used to be connected with the Tass News Agency, New York City, and as of September 1950 was connected with the San Francisco Chronicle newspaper. b6 b7C San Francisco T-2, of known reliability, advised that [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] SF T-2 described [redacted] as having leftist ideas in the early 1930's. However, he had noticed no leftist ideas on the part of [redacted] was San [redacted] [redacted] SF T-2 stated that [redacted] was born [redacted] T-1 info 12/14/51 RPT 12/14/51 12/14/51 12/14/51 12/14/51			
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Kimball</b> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>12/RECORDED - 86</b> <b>INDEXED - 86</b> <b>DECLASSIFIED BY SP8 litj/ab</b> <b>8-18-86</b> <b>#262,527</b> <b>FEB 3 1951</b> <b>3</b> <b>2/24/51</b> <b>913071</b> <b>913072</b> <b>913073</b> <b>913074</b> <b>913075</b> <b>913076</b> <b>913077</b> <b>913078</b> <b>913079</b> <b>913080</b> <b>913081</b> <b>913082</b> <b>913083</b> <b>913084</b> <b>913085</b> <b>913086</b> <b>913087</b> <b>913088</b> <b>913089</b> <b>913090</b> <b>913091</b> <b>913092</b> <b>913093</b> <b>913094</b> <b>913095</b> <b>913096</b> <b>913097</b> <b>913098</b> <b>913099</b> <b>913100</b> <b>913101</b> <b>913102</b> <b>913103</b> <b>913104</b> <b>913105</b> <b>913106</b> <b>913107</b> <b>913108</b> <b>913109</b> <b>913110</b> <b>913111</b> <b>913112</b> <b>913113</b> <b>913114</b> <b>913115</b> <b>913116</b> <b>913117</b> <b>913118</b> <b>913119</b> <b>913120</b> <b>913121</b> <b>913122</b> <b>913123</b> <b>913124</b> <b>913125</b> 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SF T-2 continued that in the fall of 1950. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SF T-2 recalled that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and that SF T-2 had seen [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SF T-2 saw [REDACTED]

SF T-2 recalled that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SF T-2

continued that in view of the tendencies of [REDACTED]

However,

SF T-2 stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SF T-2 recalled further that at the time [REDACTED]

SF T-2 stated that in his judgment, he feels that [REDACTED]

therefore having interest in the various philosophies of the world, according to SF T-2. He felt that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SF T-2

stated that he did not recall [REDACTED]

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San Francisco T-3, of known reliability, has indicated that

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[redacted] for ~~ELLA WINTER STEWART~~  
and ANNA LOUISE STRONG in [redacted]

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[redacted] Since 1921, ANNA LOUISE STRONG has resided intermittently in Russia and the United States. During her stays in the United States, she has made several lecture tours, during which she has consistently praised Russia. She has written many books and pamphlets which have always been in praise of the Soviet Union. She has never been identified as a member of the Communist Party of the United States, although it has been rumored that she is a member of the Party in Russia.

San Francisco T-4, of known reliability, furnished the following information concerning a contact of [redacted] at Los Angeles, California from January 20 to 22, 1947:

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SF T-4 reported details of a conference between [redacted]  
[redacted] was subsequently identified as [redacted]  
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Hereinafter, [redacted] will be referred to  
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SF T-4 advised that at 3:30 p.m., January 21, 1947, [redacted]  
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"yes" that there had recently been a general strike in San Francisco, at which time the police had guarded the goods being delivered through the picket lines. He reported that labor, however, won out in the end and the police

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stopped interfering with the picket lines. There followed a general discussion of the race question in Los Angeles, at which time [REDACTED]

There followed a discussion in which the informant reported that discussion was had of the current activities of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who are the people who exercise authority in Hollywood, "Are they just stupid egotists?" [REDACTED]

Mention was also made of men such as GOLDWYN, MAYER, SAM KATZ and BENNY SHAW, and it was stated by someone that these individuals had gotten their start when they invested in the original nickelodeon.

At this point, the question of race restrictions in Beverly Hills was again discussed, at which time [REDACTED]

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[redacted] two books which he described as good books on Marxism written by SLEZEY and "Blakes Theory of Capitalist Development." [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] and that this magazine was supposed to come out January 1 as a monthly magazine.

[redacted] announcing that the magazine [redacted] was to be published.

The discussion then centered around an individual by the name [redacted] who was described as one of [redacted] reported that he had heard that [redacted] and learn about conditions in Europe first hand. [redacted] in respect to the difficulty in obtaining a passport to visit Europe at the present time.  
[redacted]

[redacted] also related conversation that he had with [redacted] he met in Europe. [redacted] The people there want to be free of all foreign control. Our economics has been bad because of the black market. [redacted] it was easy to get around in Venice and that people are not politic conscious in Italy and don't know what they want. [redacted] had a discussion about the "beauty of Marx" and [redacted] said that he could see that on "all levels people are reaching a general understanding." People are more developed abroad. "The simple masses understand they are pretty well involved in things."

At this point, [redacted] said that he too would like to go to Europe and study conditions first hand and stated that "I would like to do this to cleanse my soul." [redacted]

[redacted] said that political development is progressing well in Europe and that every day is a political day on all levels.

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At this point [ ] to which [ ] replied, "You feel you are beaten down in college and can't talk about anything wrong with the Government, if you do they just call you a Communist." [ ] also observed that "you would think that when youths are all in the revolution they would be looking for a new life but they are not." [ ] at this point said that the "Hitler type of Government forces bourgeoisie youth into simple phase of politics." [ ] stated that "it is unbelievable how little the college people know." "They subvert news to their end and suppress what they do not want to hear." [ ] also said that veterans are the biggest disappointment of all, all they want is a good job, a good time and to take part in sports.

At this time, [ ] about the American Youth for Democracy [ ] stated that the American Youth for Democracy had been active in supporting pickets at the various strikes [ ] and that the Communists [ ] had been investigated by [ ] said that it is against the rules to hold political meetings on the campus [ ] also stated that there are 225 members in the American Youth for Democracy [ ] 40 of whom are active and only 20 of whom are really active and accomplish things. There are a few very active women, but it is mostly the men who are very active in the organization. At this point [ ] asked, "What are other student groups beside the AYD?" [ ] said there is an organization called the Young Republican Club, also various social fraternities and an organization called the "Cal Vets." [ ] asked of all the organizations are "red baiters" and [ ] stated that "they are not actively engaged in that."

[ ] what was the background of the people in the AYD [ ] said that mostly they are "kids whose parents are progressive and usually the parents are foreign born. There are also a number of veterans in the AYD [ ]

[ ] if he had read the recent cases on strike injunctions in Los Angeles and a general discussion was had as to how injunctions were obtained by an employer in obtaining police support in putting down a picket line. Discussion was had of the present strike against the motion picture studios in Hollywood, at which time [ ] said that the Screen Actors Guild was on the side of the producers and [ ] asked how these actors could be influenced, "Isn't there anyone among the free writers and actors who can influence them and see that the strike is correct?" [ ]

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said there are a few people like FRANK SINATRA, who is an individualist and no one can tell him what to do. [ ] continued by saying, "Isn't there someone, who are the people, someone must be intelligent." [ ]  
[ ] ELLA (ELLA WINTER STEWART) [ ] No audible reply was heard to this question.

[ ] also made the statement, "Every step is like a forward step in the change of the system" and said that he hoped the CSU (Conference of Studio Unions) will fight it out. [ ] also made the statement at this time that "it is a long way to Socialism, but the next depression will bring a great chance." [ ] "What is the feeling that a depression is coming?" and [ ] answered that the feeling is strong among veterans that the depression will come.

At this point there was a general discussion of costs to make the film "Duel in the Sun," which was stated to have cost seven million dollars, and it was generally agreed that this was a great waste of money.

[ ] asked, "What signs of organizations growing up that could be tools of Fascists?" and [ ] replied that considerable money is going into the Police Force - 150 officers are now on duty who are used only for strikes and who are especially trained to break strikes. [ ] said they are well trained.

[ ] said that this section (Los Angeles) will be a terrific battle front between the left and the right and that the police are of the storm trooper type. [ ] asked, "Do they rough up the strikers?" and [ ] said "Yes - you should see them, they always put them down." [ ]

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[ ] It was stated by someone that [ ] is a Jewish Fascist. The police are working for him, but they despise him because he is a Jew - nothing that has happened in the world in the last 25 years has penetrated his brain. [ ] inquired about SAM GOLDWYN and [ ]



said he is just like [ ]

[ ] at this point mentioned the California problem of pensioned persons taking jobs to augment their incomes and that these jobs should be filled by persons supporting themselves wholly from the job, to which [ ] replied that "those people would be knocked out - would be immediately wiped out in Russia."

[ ] at this point said the coming third labor party is the salvation of the United States. All social democrats throughout the world are falling into the same anti-Communist traps that they did before the last war. Social democrats are compromising, in the end this will lead them into another war. The Communists must get control of the labor party away from the compromisers.

[ ] said, "I look for a general strike with martial law taking over, the Army to remain in power for years." [ ] said, "America today is a strong, aggressive, imperialistic nation - all the world is today depending on America and is watching America. America has so much capital, she must send so much of it abroad regularly to keep local markets from breaking." He also said American capital is the dominating capital today. It has a grip on every nation. Whatever happens in America will affect all the world. Regarding the world waiting for American democracy, some liberals are convinced that this is the right thing. [ ] also said that investments in Canada are mostly controlled by Americans and criticized the rotten structure of the British imperialism.

[ ] brought up the question regarding lend lease and payments for lend lease by the Russians, stating "they are realistic about it and say we fought a war with it and to h\_\_\_ with it." The Russians just say, "We are not going to pay it back - do not use legalistic terms." It was mentioned that lend lease was a great thing and [ ] said, "It may be a great thing, but what Russia did saved America."

Here it was also mentioned that the secretary to [ ] got married to a Catholic and "was taking instructions" and [ ] said her

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actions "nullifies her intelligence." At this point [redacted]  
[redacted]

SF T-4 advised that [redacted] left the hotel room at 6:20 p.m. At 9:15 p.m. [redacted] returned to the room, [redacted] finally leaving at 9:40 p.m.

In the above information supplied by SF T-4, several references were made to [redacted]. Physical surveillances of [redacted] reflect that [redacted] entered an automobile at 6:35 p.m., on January 21, 1947. This automobile was a [redacted] license [redacted].

The Division of Motor Vehicles reflects that this license is registered to [redacted].

ENCLOSURE to Philadelphia - Photostatic copies of Washington Field letter to the Bureau, dated 10/3/50, and Bulet to Washington Field, dated 11/30/50, both entitled Communist Party Activities in the Philippine Islands, IS - PI,

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[REDACTED] Will ascertain the present activities and contacts of [REDACTED]  
presently attending [REDACTED]

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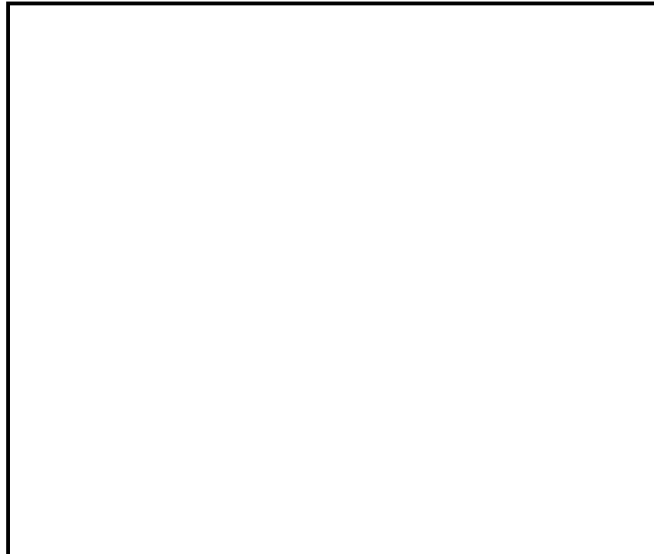
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Overheard from storage closet adjoining  
room 337, Beverly Hills Hotel, by  
SA's WILLIAM W. WOOD, [REDACTED]  
BERYL M. GOODENOW, [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE: Washington Field letter to Bureau, dated 10/3/50.  
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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 7, 1951

FROM : SAC, Miami

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

*COMMUNIST Party - Philippine Islands*

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Re Baltimore letter to the Bureau dated 1-25-51.

[redacted] was contacted by Special Agent [redacted] on February 3, 1951. He now resides in the [redacted] and is engaged in a [redacted] business enterprise with one [redacted] located at [redacted]. He advised his current plans are indefinite but that he intends to return to Washington on business in the near future and may make an attempt in the future to return to the Philippines.

[redacted] advised that he does not know the identity of the two Filipinos who contacted him and indicated they could put him in touch with "his old friends in the Hukbalahap movement". He stated the identities of such individuals changed frequently and that it is not now likely that he could establish the actual identity of the pair in question. He stated he has no doubt in his own mind that [redacted] or [redacted] either represent the Huk's interests in the United States or know who does. He stated by discreet inquiry he might be able to develop more information concerning the two Filipinos in question but that he hesitates to take any course of action that would jeopardize his possible return to the Philippines in the future.

[redacted] pointed out that he had been informed subsequent to his contact with Bureau representatives that [redacted] had visited a friend of his in Manila for three days and that as a result his friend in Manila had been placed under surveillance by the Philippine Government and is presently fearful of his welfare. In the absence of any instructions to request [redacted] to make any discreet inquiries he was not asked to do so. He indicated he intended to keep his Philippine contacts as best he can under present circumstances and that he will leave himself open to receiving any information from these contacts that would be of potential interest to the Bureau and thereafter furnish such information to the Bureau wherever he might be.

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Director, FBI

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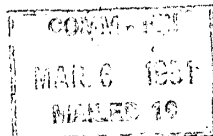
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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

T-1 advises Russian officers in military camp of Philippine Huks; also allegedly supplying propaganda material and medical supplies to Huks. GALO O'CAMPO and GABRIEL BERNARDO, according to informant, sympathetic to Huk movement. State Department records reflect GALO O'CAMPO an employee of Philippine Mission to UN. INS reflects O'CAMPO born in Philippines on Oct. 16, 1913; arrived U. S. Nov. 19, 1947 destined to UN. Scheduled to return to Philippines Aug. 1950. No record INS of his departure. INS records reflect GABRIEL BERNARDO arrived U. S. June 9, 1946, giving his address as c/o Philippine Residence-Commissioner, Washington, D. C. Indicated stay of six months. No record of departure. T-2 advised that VACINTE LAVA and brother JESUS LAVA, two leading Communists in Philippines in 1945-1946. Also believed [redacted] sent to Philippines by Russians during same period. T-3 advised Hukbalahan movement a Communist threat to Philippines. In 1950 Huks led by MARIANO BALGOS, described as "Moscow-type" Communist by T-3.

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DETAILS:

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This investigation is predicated upon information

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received from confidential informant T-1 of unknown reliability who has advised that the Hukbalahap movement, originally the "People's Anti-Japanese Army," has become a revolutionary group carrying on guerilla activities against the Philippines. According to T-1, on several occasions Soviet Russian officers in Soviet uniforms were observed in the military camp of the Huks and Soviet Russia was allegedly supplying propaganda material and medical supplies to the Huks.

T-1 advised that the following persons were sympathetic to the Huk movement:

GALO O'CAMPO, who is handling the offices of Ambassador ROMULO of the Philippines in New York City.

Dr. GABRIEL BERNARDO, librarian of the University of Manila who headed the "Committee of Nine" which was made up of intellectuals in Manila who are sympathetic to the Huk movement.

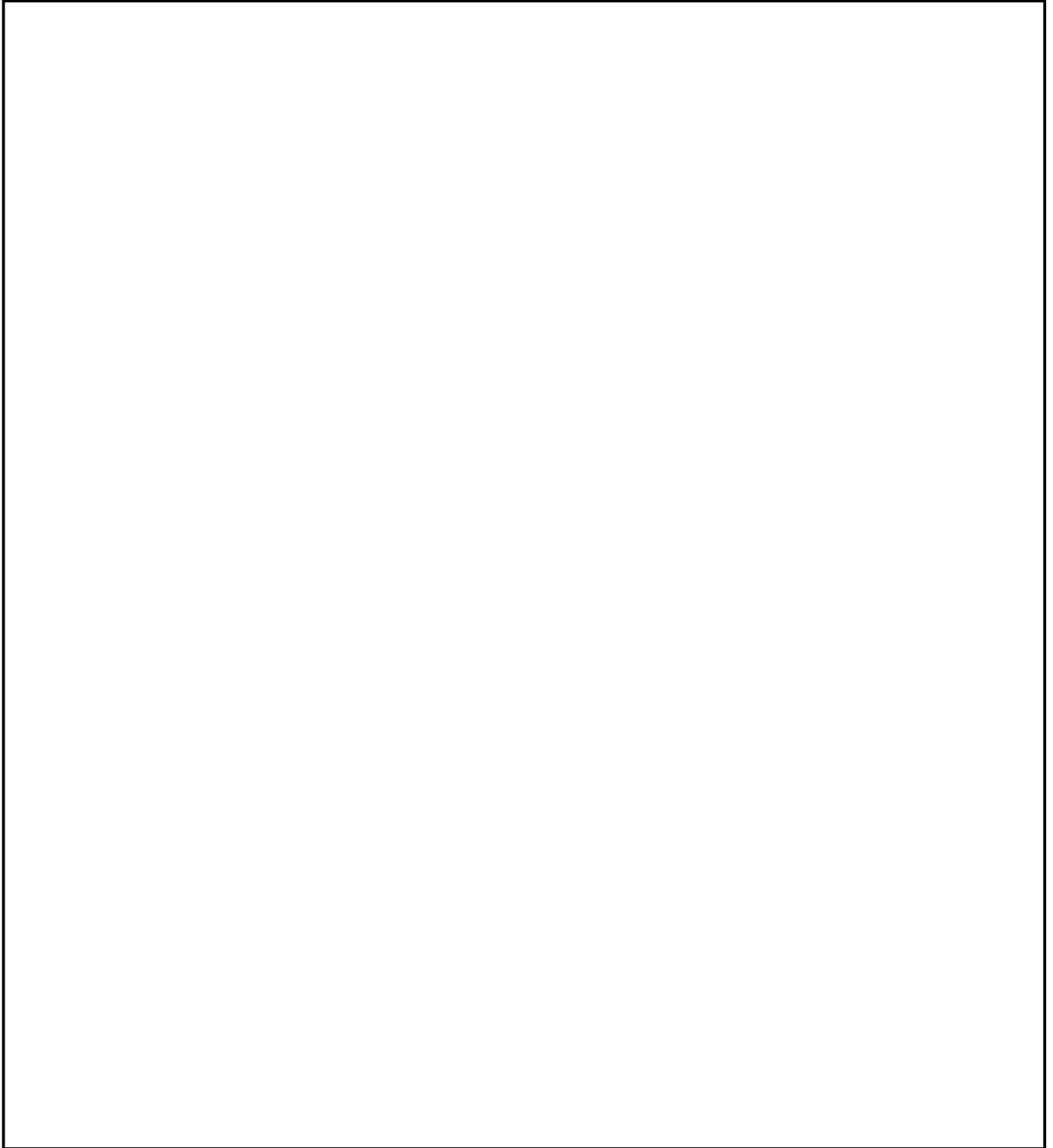
The records of the State Department reflect that GALO O'CAMPO was listed as an employee of the Office of Philippine Mission to the United Nations, 6231 Empire State Building, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City. It was noted that he was listed as "technical assistant" and resided at 149-20 Union Turnpike, Parkway Village, Jamaica, New York.

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On June 19, 1947, confidential informant T-2 of unknown reliability, who lived in the Philippine Islands during 1945 and 1946, and who advised he was familiar with Communist Activities in the Islands, furnished the following information:

One [redacted] and her family traveled from [redacted] to [redacted] and then took up residence in the Philippines. [redacted] was a [redacted] and her family was reported to be of the [redacted]. T-2 was of the opinion that [redacted] was probably [redacted] before the war, and when the Japanese captured the Philippine Islands, they reduced her to poverty. Her war record was excellent and she risked her life in carrying food to American prisoners. After the war, however, she was not rewarded for her work. She was very friendly with many of the Americans in the Philippines. Following the war, she drifted toward Communism. She became friendly with VACINTE LAVA and his brother JESUS LAVA, who according to the informant, were two of the leading Communists in the Philippines. Suddenly [redacted] came into possession of quite a bit of money, and she [redacted] called the [redacted] with [redacted] namely [redacted] (PH) [redacted] and a woman whose first name was [redacted] bought the club from a Hungarian and his wife and the source of their funds was not known. After the war, [redacted] was definitely a [redacted] and she lived with a widow, who in turn, lived with [redacted] described by the informant as a bum and a Communist.

T-2, in a conversation with [redacted] attempted to corroborate information concerning her and her known contacts.

However, she denied knowing either of the LAVA brothers or BOROSKY but she admitted she knew one [redacted]

An individual whose name was either [redacted] or [redacted] who will hereafter be referred to as [redacted] was believed to have been sent to the Philippines by the Russians. [redacted] was said to have joined [redacted]

[redacted] allegedly to escape the Russians. According to [redacted] story, he traveled to Marseilles and then to the Philippines aboard the [redacted]. In the Philippines he lived with a Russian who was Communistically inclined. He then secured a job at the signal depot. Later he worked at a hospital repairing radio equipment, etc. and became quite close to the Colonel in Charge of the hospital. Shortly thereafter, he became uninterested in his work which began to show slightly in the performance of his duties and he was fired. He thereupon took residence with [redacted] and whose name was [redacted]

[redacted], known as [redacted]. She was a Russian girl with blond hair and quite short in stature. An informant of T-2 became acquainted with [redacted] and stated that to him, [redacted] appeared to be rapidly turning Communistic. At one time when two Russian couriers passed through the Philippine Islands, [redacted] who was mentioned above, contacted them and then got in touch with [redacted] the girl with whom [redacted] lived.

T-2 also advised that it was known that money was going to the Communists in the Philippine Islands and that it was coming from the United States through Hongkong, China. This information was furnished to T-2 by confidential sources. To verify this, T-2 had an informant send money out of the Philippines. [redacted]

[redacted] told the informant of T-2 that to accomplish this he could contact one of two sources; the first was [redacted] a U. S. sailor aboard the President Hoover steamship which was going to Hongkong, and the second was [redacted] (PH), who was mentioned above. T-2's informant contacted the sailor and gave him some money to take to a friend who was living in Hongkong; however, T-2 never learned whether the money actually reached its destination.

Confidential informant T-3, who has previously furnished reliable information [redacted] Filipino political and military leaders, on February 19, 1950, advised that so far as he knew there were no Philippine Communists in the United States nor were there any Filipino organizations or groups which were acting against the interests of the United States. The informant pointed out that most of the Filipinos in the United States came here via the sugar cane plantations in the Hawaiian Islands and that most of them settled on the West Coast. The

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informant also said that the Communist Party has been able to make little head way so far as he knows in the Philippine Islands and that the Filipinos do not take readily to Communist Doctrines. T-3 expressed the opinion that the Huk organization, organized as a resistance movement during the Japanese occupation of the Philippines, consisted primarily of tenants who had been working on large plantations owned by foreign interests in the Philippines; that these people are opposed to the system under which they have been working and that they do not, for a large part, understand Communism nor practice its doctrines.

On March 8, 1950, T-3 again stated that there are very few Filipinos who are Communists. He stated, however, that there are allegedly about twenty-thousand Chinese Communists in the Philippines.

On July 31, 1950, T-3, having returned a short time previously from a trip to the Philippines, advised that a Communist threat existed in the Philippines through the Huk movement. T-3 stated that the Huks were then lead by MARIANO BALGOS, a Philippine citizen and formerly a labor leader who is of the "Moscow-type" of Communist, and who obtained the upperhand in the Huks a month or two previously in a show down with LOUIS TARUC, and who was formerly head of the Huks and who was of the Tito or Nationalist-type of Communist.

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The informant said [REDACTED] TARUC before TARUC fled into the hills in 1946 and was of the opinion that at that time TARUC was not actually a Communist but turned to Communism in desperation. He stated that TARUC had previously been elected to the Philippine Congress which had refused to seat him.

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b6 per FBI In Washington Field Office letter to Bureau, dated  
b7C August 20, 1947, entitled "Communist Activities in the Philippine  
b7D Islands; Internal Security - C", T-2 advised that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

b6 per FBI Reference letter requested that the records of the Immi-  
b7C gration and Naturalization Service be checked concerning [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] There was no record of this person in the files of the  
Immigration and Naturalization Service.

b6 per FBI Reference letter also requested that T-1 be discreetly  
b7C interviewed concerning the identity of Filipinos who allegedly con-  
tacted him. Investigation disclosed that T-1 now resides in the  
Old Lyon's Place on Treasure Island, Sarasota County, Florida.  
According to letter dated February 7, 1951, from Miami to the  
Director, T-1 was interviewed by Special Agent [REDACTED]  
on February 3, 1951, at which time T-1 advised he did not know the  
identity of the two Filipinos who contacted him and that in the  
future he would furnish to the Bureau any information received  
from his Philippine contacts which would be pertinent interest.

It was ascertained, at the State Department, that more  
detailed information could be obtained concerning O'CAMPO at the  
United Nations Offices in New York.

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THE NEW YORK FIELD OFFICE

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

*Referral/Direct*  
*in memo*  
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[REDACTED]  
Will identify [REDACTED] reportedly employed by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] New York City, and thereafter will determine  
the present contacts and activities of [REDACTED]

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

*Referral/Direct*  
*in memo*  
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THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

*Serial 152*  
Will attempt to develop informant in the Filipino colonies  
for a better coverage of this case.  
Will maintain contact with available sources for  
additional information on this case.  
Will, through Maritime Service, identify and ascertain  
whereabouts of [REDACTED] who served aboard the  
[REDACTED]

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to SAC, Washington Field, dated  
November 30, 1950.

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- T-1 [redacted] as reflected in WFO letter to the Bureau dated October 3, 1950, entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT: ESPIONAGE OPERATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES. ESPIONAGE - R."
- T-2 [redacted] as reflected in WFO letter to the Bureau dated August 20, 1947, entitled "COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS: INTERNAL SECURITY - C."
- T-3 [redacted] as reflected in WFO letters to the Bureau dated March 13, 1950, and August 21, 1950, case entitled [redacted] MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING," and in report of Special Agent [redacted] Washington Field dated August 16, 1950, entitled "PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT UNDER PRESIDENT ELPIDIO QUIRINO: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - P.I."

SAC, Philadelphia

March 3, 1951

Director, FBI

COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PI  
Your #105-614

Reurlet February 10, 1951.

You are advised that no seaman's record could be located for Cosme Portilla under the spelling of his surname as Portilla or Portillo.

He may be identical with a non-criminal fingerprint record on file in the Identification Division under FBI #639384A. Although these finger impressions have been researched through the criminal fingerprint files at this time, no identification was established. A transcript is enclosed.

Enclosure

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI      Attention: Identification Division      DATE: 2/10/51

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

Rerep. SA MAHLON J. PRICE, Philadelphia, January 15, 1951.

It is to be noted that in referenced report various individuals stated that COSME PORTILLA, a Philippino residing in Philadelphia, had returned to the Philippines and was a leader in the Hukbalahap Movement there.

However, investigation at Philadelphia reflects that one COSME PORTILLA, who resides at 2001 West Columbia Avenue, is probably identical with the individual referred to above.

Because PORTILLA was described as a Merchant Seaman, it is requested that the records of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, Coast Guard Building, Washington, D. C., be checked, and that all information be furnished to Philadelphia. PORTILLA is described as follows:

Name	COSME <del>PORTILLA</del>
Race	Philippino
Age	59
Born	September 27, 1891.
Place of Birth	Caregara, Leyte, Philippine Islands.
Height	5'6" to 5'7"
Weight	175 to 185 pounds.
Hair	Black, wavy, turning gray.
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Brown
Peculiarities	Pop eyes.
Occupation	Merchant Seaman, cook, and factory worker.

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No record Portilla or Portello - B.M.L. 2/28/51 P.N.G.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

~~SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL~~

This Case Originated At WASHINGTON, D.C. File No. 105-552  
 Report Made At CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Date 2/15/51 Period 11, 21, 26, 28, 29; 1/2, 3, 13-20, 22, 24/51 Report Made By HORACE H. WILLIS HHW:lh  
 Title COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS Character Of Case INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

## Synopsis Of Facts:

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[REDACTED]  
 both Filipinos, have been reported as members of the Communist Party at Chicago, and are regarded by informants as Filipinos in Chicago most likely to sympathize with the Hukbalahap movement in the Philippine Islands. Balintwak Club, a Filipino group no longer active in Chicago, has been described as a Communist front.

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This is an FBI investigative report and makes no recommendation for clearance or disapproval.

## Details:

## AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Communist activities pertaining to the following persons of Filipino origin, residing in the Chicago area, are set out below. Information pertaining to the Balintwak Club is also set out.

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T-1, of known reliability, advised in May, 1944, that [REDACTED] was recruited

Approved and Forwarded:

SAC

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*G. R. McSwain*  
*R*

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into the 24th Ward Branch of the Communist Party in April, 1944:

T-2, of unknown reliability, who is well acquainted with Filipino activities in the Chicago area, related in a signed statement on October 4, 1948, the following information pertaining to [redacted] formerly a postal employee at Chicago:

T-2 [redacted]  
his sympathies seem to be with Soviet Russia. [redacted]  
[redacted] was glad to be a Communist, and that he had attended a Communist-sponsored school in approximately 1931, or 1932. During and since World War II [redacted] praise the Soviet system, stating he believed the working people in Russia enjoyed greater opportunities than did similar people in the United States under capitalism.

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On December 21, 1950, T-2 said he has not observed any recent Communist activity on the part of [redacted] but that in view of past remarks made by him he would regard [redacted] as one who would be more likely to sympathize with the Hukbalahap movement if one actually existed in Chicago.

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T-3, of unknown reliability, who is well acquainted with Filipino activity in Chicago, in a signed statement, dated November 18, 1948, related as follows pertaining to [redacted] attitude toward the Hukbalahap movement in the Philippine Islands. [redacted] believes the leaders of the Hukbalahaps faction may be Communists; however, he does not believe published reports of the atrocities they have committed against the peasants in the Philippines and against the established Philippine Government. He regards these reported atrocities as typical capitalist propaganda and looks in a like manner upon newspaper accounts which criticize the Russian Government.

T-4, another Government agency which conducts intelligence investigations, has described the Hukbalahaps as the Army of Philippine Communism, led by avowed Communists who follow the policies and seek to further the objectives of world Communism.

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T-5, of unknown reliability, [redacted] stated in October, 1948, that [redacted] first favored the Hukbalahaps in their program of agrarian reform, but that he later said he did not believe the Hukbalahaps were justified in using force to make their program active.

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T-6, of unknown reliability, who is acquainted with certain Communist activities in the Chicago area, advised [redacted] On November 29, 1948, he related that he is positive [redacted] is a member of the CP although he had never seen [redacted] CP Membership Card. T-6 said [redacted] CP meetings within the past three years with [redacted] but that he could not recall the exact dates or places of these meetings. He also related that he understood from other Communists that [redacted] had been under consideration for a position with the CP in the Philippine Islands, although he could not further substantiate this information.

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T-2 advised on December 21, 1950, that [redacted] was employed at the [redacted] at [redacted] as a domestic worker, and that he now resides at [redacted]

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T-7, of known reliability, advised on February 24, 1950, that [redacted] had resided at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, since some time in 1948. On November 20, 1950, [redacted] advised that [redacted] has resided at [redacted] address since September, 1950.

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On December 6, 1945, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised that [redacted] was employed by that company. It was also determined November 20, 1950, that [redacted] continues his employment at the [redacted]

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T-8, of known reliability, on March 2, 1945, related that [redacted] admitted [redacted] that he was a member of the Communist Political Association.

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The Communist Political Association has been designated a Communist organization by the Attorney-General under Executive Order No. 9835.

On September 18, 1945, T-9, of known reliability, reported that it was his opinion that [redacted] a Filipino, did not possess sufficient mental ability to become a Communist leader. On October 23, 1945, T-8 reported that [redacted] was a CP stooge in [redacted] of the [redacted] and that he was used by the Communists, primarily in "strong arm activities", and as a potential member of future "goon" squads.

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T-9 described [redacted] as "tactless", and as a "crude operator".

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On August 30, 1948, T-6 reported a 1948 CP Membership Card Number [redacted] had been issued to [redacted] According to this informant, [redacted] is a member of the North Side Branch of the CP, District #8, where he serves as [redacted]

T-10, of unknown reliability, who is acquainted with certain Filipino activities in the Chicago area on January 12, 1950, furnished the following information pertaining to [redacted]

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T-10 has seen [redacted] recently and stated that [redacted]

[redacted] expressed a certain amount of skepticism as to the American capitalist system, stating he believed the Soviet form of Government was designed to promote a more equitable distribution of wealth, and that he believed the average citizen of Russia was more fortunate economically and socially under the Russian Government than was the average American under our form of Government. In the informant's opinion [redacted] appears to have definite Communist leanings, and would be the Filipino known to him who most likely would sympathize with the Hukbalahap movement, if such a movement existed in Chicago.

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ANTONIO HERMOSURA

T-2, on October 4, 1948, related that [ ] mentioned above, [ ] ANTONIO HERMOSURA, who is also known as TONY HERMOSURA. It was this informant's opinion that HERMOSURA was a Communist, although he was unable to substantiate the information. b6 b7C

T-1 related in May, 1944, that TONY HERMOSURA, 1836 South Lawndale, (also VALETE'S former address) was a member of the 24th Ward Branch of the CP.

T-11, of known reliability, reported in May, 1945, that TONY HERMOSURA, then located at Hines Hospital, had been issued 1945 CPA Registration Card No. 56510. According to this source, HERMOSURA was a member of the Hyde Park Club of the CPA, and was un-employed, having entered the hospital in about September, 1944.

T-12, of unknown reliability, who is acquainted with Filipino activity in the Chicago area, on January 20, 1951, advised that he saw TONY HERMOSURA, a World War II veteran, prior to the time he returned to the Philippine Islands in approximately 1948. HERMOSURA had undergone a rather serious operation prior to this time, while he was suffering from tuberculosis. The informant estimated HERMOSURA to be about forty years of age, and was of the opinion that HERMOSURA had returned to the Philippine Islands permanently.

BALINTWAK CLUB

T-13, another Government Agency which has conducted intelligence investigations, reported on April 21, 1940, that the Balintwak Club, Inc., was a Communist front and that its leaders, C. HERMOSURA and [ ] are Communists. This informant also related that [ ] a member of this club, is employed as a dishwasher somewhere in Chicago, and according to this source, was Secretary of the Filipino Branch of the CP in Chicago. b6 b7C

T-2 related in November, 1948, the following information pertaining to the Balintwak Club. This club, to which he understands [ ] belonged, was organized in the Philippine Islands prior to the Spanish-American War, as a Philippine patriotic organization. T-2 stated he recently found in his possession a list of Philippine organizations,

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showing [redacted] with TONY HERMOSURA, and [redacted] as other officers. He said this club existed from about 1940 to 1943. T-2 related he could furnish no other identifiable data pertaining to [redacted]

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T-3 related on January 12, 1951, that the Balintwak Club never, to his knowledge, had over four members and that [redacted] and HERMOSURA were the leaders of the club. He said that since [redacted] and HERMOSURA had the reputation of being Communists, the organization never grew to any appreciable extent, having gone out of existence during the early 1940s.

T-3 stated he was positive this club was not presently an organization recognized by the Filipino Community Council, a central Philippine fraternal society composed of representatives from some twenty-five or more Filipino Clubs presently active in the Chicago area.

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[redacted]  
T-2 advised on December 21, 1950, that [redacted] formerly a postal employee at Chicago, has been dismissed from that position and added that he has obtained no information to indicate that [redacted] is presently active in Communist affairs.

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T-14, of unknown reliability, [redacted]  
[redacted] in the Chicago area, on December 11, 1950, related that [redacted]  
[redacted] attempts to be reinstated in the Post Office. T-14 said [redacted]  
[redacted] although he had no specific information that [redacted] was a Communist, or that he was disloyal to this country.

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Chicago File No. 121-1678, relates to [redacted]  
[redacted]

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T-6, on August 30, 1948, advised he obtained the following information from [redacted]

The CP, at the direction of the Soviet Union, is about to dispatch a courier from Chicago via New York to the Philippine Islands. When [redacted] was questioned as to how he had come into possession of this information, his answers were evasive, stating that at a Communist meeting at the rear of the Hayride Tavern on the East side of North Clark Street, above Chestnut Street, at Chicago, he had learned of this matter. This informant also related that [redacted], and TONY HERMOZORAV (phonetic), address and employment unknown, were present at this meeting. The informant said [redacted] was endeavoring to ascertain the name of the special courier to the Philippine Islands, who was scheduled to depart for the Philippines the latter part of August, or early September, 1948, to act as Second-in-Command of the CP in the Philippine Islands. He said this individual was leaving the United States on the order of the Soviet Government, but that he did not know this person's identity.

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On October 25, 1949, T-6 stated that [redacted] mentioned something regarding "operation No. 2". When asked about what "operation No. 1" had been, [redacted] and advised that Russia is now ready to agitate the Indonesian situation, acquire control there, then after acquiring the Island of Mindano as a base, launch operations against Formosa and Hong Kong. When asked to state how, when and where, and from whom, he had acquired this information, he replied - "Research". According to the informant, [redacted] did not elaborate further on this point.

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[redacted] an investigator for the INS at Chicago, related on January 3, 1950, that a case was pending in that office concerning [redacted] and that he planned to interview [redacted] in the near future. [redacted] at this time, agreed to ascertain what knowledge [redacted] may have pertaining to Communist activity among the Filipinos, and any information he may have concerning the Hukbalahap movement.

~~/~~ Filipino Community Council

T-2, on December 21, 1950, explained that the Filipino Community Council, was a federation of over twenty Filipino social and fraternal groups in the Chicago area, and that representatives of these smaller groups made up the officers and membership of the Filipino Community Council. Each of the smaller organizations, he said, generally are composed of members who came from a particular province in the Philippine Islands. All Filipino organizations in Chicago, except the Ilocos Sur Club, are affiliated with the Filipino Community Council. The council holds meetings at the Catholic Youth Organization headquarters, located at 31 East Congress Street, Chicago, Illinois.

According to T-2, the purpose of these clubs was to afford an opportunity for the Filipinos here to gather for social and fraternal meetings and engage in discussion and recreational activity. In his opinion, none of these clubs are in any way infiltrated by Communists nor are there any members, to his knowledge, in sympathy with Communism or the Hukbalahap movement. This informant furnished a letterhead of the Filipino Community Council at Chicago, on December 28, 1950. The

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letterhead includes the following as officers of the Council:

FILEMON C. ROMANA, President  
JOSE G. BUENO, Vice-President  
CARMELITO LLAPITAN, Corr. Secretary  
LUCILLE SORIANO, Rec. Secretary  
JOSE O. DACANAY, Treasurer  
NEMESIO SALAZAR, Auditor

The indices of the Chicago Division reflect no information which could be identified with the officers of the Filipino Community Council.

ILOCOS SUR CLUB

T-15, of unknown reliability, who is well acquainted with Filipinos in Chicago, reported on January 18, 1951, that the Ilocos Sur Club was a fraternal and social organization composed of persons who were born in the Ilocos Sur Province, Luzon, Philippine Islands. The informant has in his possession a list of over one hundred members of this club.

According to T-15, this organization was designed to offer the Filipinos, formerly from Ilocos Sur Province, an opportunity to gather and exchange views and ideas on matters of current interest, play cards, and otherwise engage in recreational and social activities. The club has had over one hundred members, but all do not participate in the activities at the present time. He said [redacted] was a member of this organization, that he seldom attended its functions, and that he had no information to indicate [redacted] or any other club member was affiliated with Communists or in sympathy with the Hukbalahap movement. b7D

ADDITIONAL FILIPINO ORGANIZATIONS IN CHICAGO

T-16, of unknown reliability, [redacted] on January 22, 1950, furnished the following list of 27 Filipino organizations, together with the names and addresses of the leading officer in each club: b7D

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- ✓ Filipino National Council, FILEMON C. ROMANS,  
President, 6426 Maryland Avenue; BU 8-9272.
- ✓ American Legion, Filipino Post 509, RESTI PAULO,  
Commander, 1614 North Larrabee; MI 2-9002.
- ✓ Bachelors' Club, PAULINO ANCHETA, President, 1524  
West Madison Street; TA 9-6309.
- ✓ Cagayan Valley Association, NEMESIO SALAZAR, President,  
407 South Dearborn Street; HA 7-7421.
- ✓ Far Eastern Bowling League, CARMEL A. LLAPITAN,  
President, 1833 South Central Park; CR 7-4765.
- ✓ Filipino-American Forum, JOSE M. LEONIDAS, President,  
919 West Cornelia; WE 5-4579.
- ✓ Filipino-American Union League Club, EUGENIO ESTACION,  
President, 1403 Cuyler Avenue; BI 8-8857.
- ✓ Filipino Athletic League, FLORENTINO RAVELO, President,  
5472 Dorchester Avenue; HY 3-5124.
- ✓ Filipino Community Club, GERMAN MAGLAYA, President,  
1629 South Hamlin Avenue; CR 7-0270.
- ✓ Filipino Community Church, Reverend B. O. TOLENTINO,  
Pastor, 1848 West Van Buren; CH 3-2378.
- ✓ Filipino Catholic Guild, GABRIEL ILLARDE, President,  
1339 Wellington Avenue.
- ✓ Filipino Golf Club, PERFECTO MANAOIS, President,  
634 Roscoe.
- ✓ Filipino Guerrillas of Bataan, RUDY LUCIANO, President,  
3635 Lake Park Avenue; AT 5-4320.

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- X Filipino Homeowners' Association, TOMAS CLEMENTE, President, 7141 West 72nd Place.
- X Filipino Postal Club, ANDRES CRISOLOGO, President, 1412 North Campbell; BR 8-8980.
- X Filipino Pullman Club, MANUEL TOBIAS, President, 900 West Belmont Avenue; WE 5-3695.
- X Filipino Students' Association, Dr. ALINO ED. LIM, President, 1804 West Congress Street.
- X Ilocos Nortenian Association, LIVINO BUNUAN, President, 1558 South Sawyer; CR 7-4848.
- X Ilocos Sur Club, HONESTO LLANES, President, 1212 West Roosevelt Road; MO 6-9248.
- X LaUnion Club, F. S. OFIANA, President, 1416 North Western; BR 8-1846.
- X Nueva Vizcaya Club, THOMAS D. GADUANG, President, PO Box 1841, Chicago.
- X Philippine Chamber of Commerce, MEL A. VEGA, President, 201 North Wells; DE 2-8211.
- X Philippine Quarterly, FELISBERTO R. VILLAR, 3854 South Albany; VI 7-3933.
- X Philippine Women's Club, Mrs. ANGELES LLAPITAN, President, 1833 South Central Park; CR 7-4765.
- X United Ladies' Club, Mrs. LUCILLE SORIANO, President, 2510 West Thomas Street; AR 6-4806.

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~~United Pangasinanes, PEDRO DE LEON, President,~~  
1524 West Madison Street; TA 9-6309.

~~Zambales Club. CANDIDO LABRADOR, President,~~  
530 North Clark Street; WH 4-6888.

The indices of the Chicago Division reflect no pertinent information which could be identified with the names of the above list of clubs or their respective officers.

FILIPINO PUBLICATIONS

T-14, on December 11, 1950, related that the "Filipino Messenger", a Filipino news magazine, is published quarterly by the Community Church of Chicago in the interest of church and community life at 1848-50 West Van Buren Street, Chicago, Illinois. He said he believes this is the only Filipino magazine published in Chicago, and that no Filipino newspapers are presently published in the city.

T-17, of unknown reliability, who is acquainted with Filipino activities in the Chicago area, on December 21, 1950, advised that the United Filipino Press, a Filipino newspaper, was formerly published in Chicago. He said the paper was discontinued as the result of a disagreement on the part of the minority stockholders with the publisher and owner of 51% of the paper's stock. T-17 said there was no Filipino newspaper published in Chicago at the present time.

GENERAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO FILIPINO ACTIVITIES

T-3 advised on January 10, 1950, that he had been affiliated with the Filipino-American Forum, and that members of the forum had discussed the Hukbalahap movement and how it would affect the social and economic life in the Philippine Islands. At Filipino-American Forum meetings, the history, as well as the development of the movement had been discussed. This movement had its origin many years ago and had as its primary objective, the improvement of the economic and social life of the peasant Filipino farm laborers. These laborers, he said, have always worked very long hours for little pay and have received a disproportionate share of the crops raised thereby being forced to live in poverty. The Hukbalahap movement was originally designed to give these workers and sharecroppers relief in the form of higher pay and a greater share of the farm produce.

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It was the informant's opinion that most of the Filipinos in this country, especially those in Chicago, with whom he has been acquainted, approved the original purpose of the movement; however, he said that he understands from reading Philippine Islands newspapers and from conversations with persons more recently in the Islands, that in recent years, the Hukbalahaps have been dominated by one TARUC, and other Communist sympathizers. The reports of the Hukbalahaps ambushing, killings, acts of violence and attempts to overthrow the Philippine Government, he said, have not been well received among the Filipinos in Chicago, and that to his knowledge not one Filipino in the city is in sympathy with the Communist element in the Hukbalahap movement.

T-14, who is in possession of some eight hundred names of Filipinos residing in Chicago, on December 11, 1950, gave the following information: There are not more than 5,000 Filipinos in Chicago, and of this number, approximately 2,000 were born in the Philippine Islands. He said that the Hukbalahap movement started in the Philippine Islands many years ago as the result of gross mistreatment of farm and plantation laborers. Due to the exploitation of these workers, informant said he could readily understand why these laborers offered an excellent source of recruits for the leaders of the Hukbalahaps. The Hukbalahap movement has remained in the Philippine Islands, to the best of his knowledge, and at no time has he ever heard of any effort on their part to institute a similar movement in the United States.

On December 21, 1950, T-17 reported that of the total estimated 5,000 Filipinos possibly in Chicago, probably over 50% are employed as domestic workers, about 20% are Government workers, the remainder being professional persons employed in various types of occupations.

T-17 advised there is no Filipino community in Chicago. Since there are relatively few Filipino women in Chicago, the Filipino males have married American citizens and reside in practically every section of the city of Chicago.

T-16, on December 16, 1951, advised [redacted] b7D  
[redacted] he had no personal knowledge of his alleged Communist activities. This informant said he knew of no information at the present

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to indicate that any Filipinos or Filipino organizations at Chicago were in sympathy with the Hukbalahap or Communist movements.

In connection with the American Legion Contact Program, [redacted] was interviewed at the Chicago Office on December 26, 1950. He was unable to furnish any information pertinent to this investigation.

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On December 21, 1950, [redacted] who has been utilized as a Filipino source of information in the past, advised he could furnish no information pertinent to this investigation.

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T-3, T-5, T-7, T-14, T-15, T-16, and T-17 could furnish no information leading to the identity of [redacted]

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THE CHICAGO OFFICE

*recontact 147*  
AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, will recontact [redacted]  
at the INS at Chicago, to obtain results of his interview with  
[redacted]

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[redacted] Will recontact T-2 in an attempt to identify [redacted]



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T-1, an anonymous source.

T-2, [redacted] who is a b7D per FBI member of the Filipino Community Council, and an employee of the [redacted]. He furnished the information to SA EDWIN FLINT, on October 4, 1948, and to the writer on December 11, and December 28, 1950. (deemed advisable)

T-3, [redacted] as furnished to SA EDWIN FLINT, b7D per FBI November 18, 1948, and the writer on January 12, 1951. (deemed advisable)

T-4, another Government intelligence agency, referred to in Bureau Bulletin No. 63, Series 1950.

T-5, is [redacted] Chicago, b7D per FBI Illinois, by SA EDWIN FLINT, in October, 1948. This informant has over five hundred names of Filipinos born in the Philippine Islands, in his possession. (deemed advisable)

T-6 is [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] appeared at the Chicago Office and furnished the information relative to [redacted] b7D per FBI  
[redacted] however, it was the opinion of the interviewing Agents that he possibly was endeavoring to obtain information rather than divulge it since the information he furnished was vague and indefinite. [redacted]

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[redacted]  
[redacted] He was directly advised the Bureau would not intervene in this matter. In view of the above information, no further consideration is being made to re-contact [redacted] at the present.

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T-7, pretext telephone call to an unidentified clerk at the St. Lawrence Hotel, 530 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, by SA CURTIS A. HESTER, February 24, 1950.

T-8, [ ] as furnished the Chicago Office March 2, 1945. b7D

T-9, [ ] on September 18, 1945, to the Chicago Office. b7D

T-10, [ ] as furnished the writer January 12, 1950. (requested) b7D

T-11, is an anonymous source.

T-12, [ ] as furnished the writer on January 20, 1951. (requested) b7D

T-13, letter from Washington Field, dated December 30, 1948, which reflects the information was furnished to the Bureau by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, on April 21, 1940. This information was furnished the HCUA [ ] b7D

T-14, is [ ] and advised the writer on December 11, 1950. (requested) b7D

T-15, is [ ] employee on the [ ] and resides at [ ] He furnished the information to the writer on January 18, 1950. (deemed advisable) b7D

T-16, is [ ] The information was furnished the writer on December 16, 1950, and January 22, 1950. b6 b7C b7D

T-17, is [ ] Chicago, as furnished the writer on January 17, 1951. b7D

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It is anticipated that persons whose names appear on the informant pages are believed to be in the best position to assist the Bureau, will be included in the Source of Information File in the Chicago Office.

REFERENCE: Bureau Bulletin No. 63, Series 1950, Section (B),  
Communist Activity in the Philippine Islands.  
Internal Security - PI.

SAC, Washington Field

March 8, 1951

Director, FBI

COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN  
THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

RECORDED - 100-2-1-131

Transmitted herewith is one copy of the  
report of SA [redacted] dated February 15, 1951,  
at Chicago, Illinois, in instant matter.

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For the information of the Chicago Office, the  
Washington Field Office is origin in this case and copies  
of subsequent reports prepared by the Chicago Office  
should be indicated for the Washington Field Office.

Enclosure

cc - Chicago (105-552)

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 2/15/51

FROM : SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: *Pa. T. J.*  
COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE  
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
I S - PI

Attached hereto are six copies of the report of  
SA [redacted] dated 2/15/51.

It is noted that [redacted]  
mentioned in referenced report, is presently being carried  
as a Security Index Card subject by the Chicago Division.

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[redacted] is not being  
carried as a Security Index Card subject, in view of his  
apparent lack of Communist activities at the present time.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. BELMONT

DATE: March 16, 1951

FROM : C. E. HENNRICH

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PIPURPOSE

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BACKGROUND

As you are aware, the Hukbalahaps (Huks) are guerrilla forces presently operating in the Philippines and there is every indication that they are Communist directed.

The following information is set out in the

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*None. For your information.*

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To: Mr. Donald L. Nicholson  
Chief  
Division of Security  
Office of Consular Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE  
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PT

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ON 1-22-98  
FIPA # 3P9008

During February, 1951, a confidential source, who is believed to be reliable, advised this Bureau that there was no question about the Hukbalahaps being led by the Communists. He indicated that the Philippine Government has seized propaganda issued by the Huks which support his statement. He also said that he would conservatively estimate that there are about 10,000 active members of the Hukbalahap movement, of which approximately 5,000 are well-armed.

The source explained [REDACTED]

b7D per FBI

The source stated that a recent intelligence report which had been brought to his attention reflected that there are about 500,000 Chinese in the Philippine Islands and about half of these are believed to have entered the country illegally.

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cc - 62-92339

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The source added that the following individuals are either known to have collaborated, or are suspected of assisting the Hukbalahaps:

1. Renato Constantine, Counselor, Department of Foreign Affairs, formerly with Philippine Mission to the United Nations.
2.            Baking, recently arrested for collaborating with the Huks, and at time of arrest he was an official in the Department of Foreign Affairs.
3. Orsenic Laeson, Philippine Congressman, recently in the United States.
4. Amado Hernandez, member of the Municipal Board of Manila, and associated with the Congress of Labor Organizations (CLO).

The identifying data set out above was furnished by the source. It is possible that the individual referred to as            Baking is Angel Baking with whose background you are familiar.

The source added that Manuel Insigne, described as the Managing Editor of the "Bataan News," a periodical published in the vicinity of San Francisco, California, is a radical with extreme "leftist" views, and would probably assist the Hukbalahap movement. Inquiries are presently being conducted by this Bureau to determine the present activities of Manuel Insigne. The Department of State, and the government agencies receiving copies of this communication, will be promptly advised of the results of our investigation concerning Insigne.

The above is submitted for your information and is not intended for dissemination outside your respective agencies.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Attention: Chief  
Intelligence Division

Director of Naval Intelligence  
Department of the Navy  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Director of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General  
Department of the Air Force  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : C. E. Hennrich *OK*

DATE: March 26, 1951.

FROM : b6 per FBI  
b7CSUBJECT: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

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There are attached two photostatic copies of an article entitled "The Huk Armed Forces" which appeared in the March, 1951 (Number 178) issue of "Intelligence Review", marked "Secret", received by the Bureau through liaison channels from the Department of the Army, G-2.

For possible use as reference material in the future, it is suggested the attachment with this Memorandum be filed in instant case file.

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SAC, San Francisco

March 17, 1951

Director, FBI

**COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS**  
**INTERNAL SECURITY - PI**

There is transmitted herewith to the San Francisco Office one copy of a self-explanatory communication dated March 1, 1951, entitled [redacted] Miscellaneous, Information Concerning" received from the Washington Field Office. (S)

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You are instructed to immediately institute an investigation to determine the present activities and associates of [redacted]. Efforts should be made to determine if he is possibly assisting the Huks. A report should be submitted promptly reflecting results of the investigation and should be prepared in form suitable for dissemination.

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For your confidential information, [redacted] is [redacted] at the [redacted] and has in the past volunteered information of value to the Bureau. His identity must be protected in the report submitted. (S)

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Dufiles reflect that one [redacted] in the case entitled "Sakdalista, aka; Sakdalista Group; Saka Dalista; Internal Security-C, J, S," SF file #100-7837. (100-79711-16, 19, 22, 32, 33, 36)

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In SF teletype to the Bureau dated March 31, 1942, relative to [redacted] information was set forth that the report of a Japanese plot to massacre Americans on April 15, 1942, on the West Coast had not been confirmed through [redacted] who was described as the [redacted] (100-61478-12)

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In the report of SA Edmund D. Mason dated December 28, 1942, at Los Angeles, copies of which were furnished to SF, in the case entitled "Survey of Filipino Activities in the LA Field Division; Internal Security - X," it was stated that

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cc - Washington Field

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[redacted] had reported that a source of unknown reliability had advised that [redacted] was a former [redacted]

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[redacted] to be actively engaged (1942) in spreading propaganda against the exiled Philippine Government officials and was suspected of being a member of the Anak Mang Bukid. It was indicated that [redacted] contributed articles to the "Philippines Mail," a newspaper published (1942) at Salinas, California. (100-44-27-7)

The report of SA [redacted] dated 3-2-43 at San Francisco in case entitled [redacted] Espionage - S," reflects that one [redacted] as of 9-21-42, then residing at [redacted] California, had furnished the SF office with an article that had appeared in the 9-12-40 issue of the "Hawaii Sentinel," captioned "Fascist Plot for Philippines" which had been written by Raymond Langley. (100-107325-41)

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In the report of SA [redacted] dated 6-4-48 at Los Angeles in the matter entitled [redacted] NY; Loyalty of Government Employees," information was set forth to the effect that in 1942 [redacted] was reported to be "pro-Japanese" and to be a member of the Anak Mang Bukid which was described as a "pro-Japanese group of Filipinos." [redacted] was reported to be associated with [redacted] who was described as "the most active pro-Japanese on the Pacific Coast." The source cited for the data contained in SA [redacted] report was the "Zone Intelligence Office, Eleventh Naval District, Los Angeles. Investigative report dated 12-15-42." (121-6293-3)

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It would appear that the [redacted] referred to Bufiles may possibly be identical with the [redacted] mentioned in the enclosure.

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This matter should be assigned for immediate attention.

Washington Field is origin.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : C. E. Hennrich *CH*

DATE: April 3, 1951

FROM : W. T. Baker

SUBJECT: *Party* COMMUNIST/ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS -  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PIWILLIAM JOSEPH POMEROY  
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The following information has been extracted from the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ for week ending Feb-  
 ruary 7, 1951, as received from OSI by their let 3-12-51:

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HBM strategy revealed in captured document

A document allegedly prepared by HBM "Supremo" Luis ~~Taruc~~ and confiscated by Philippine Government forces following a recent encounter with HBM elements in Queson Province, outlines HBM military strategy as follows: "For the present, we should attack U. S. imperialism politically, but avoid at all cost, touching American lives and property in our military actions, even if the American forces should attack us." Taken from a portfolio believed to have been the property of William Joseph Pomeroy, American, the document is the latest HBM operations plan in the possession of Philippine authorities. According to the document, propaganda concerning "U. S. imperialism" should point out that the U. S. is intervening militarily in the Philippines and that while "this intervention is not yet open, as the struggle sharpens, U. S. imperialism is certain to intervene directly and openly, as in Korea." After this preparatory propaganda campaign, the document continued, "then we are ready to attack even the U. S. forces."

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Comment (by OSI)

The significance of this document lies in the "hands-off" policy directed toward American personnel and property. It is noted, however, that the existence of such a policy does not preclude the possibility of attacks on American personnel by individual HBM members. *Ka*

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Investigation by Military Intelligence Service, Headquarters, Armed Forces Philippines, indicates that Pomeroy is a U. S. citizen, a member of the Communist Party of the United States, and presently a member of the National Education Department of the Secretariat of the Philippine Communist Party (Pardido Komunista Ng Philipinas).

Action:

The HBM referred to above are the Hukbalahaps.

It is suggested that copies of this memo be filed in captioned case files for informative purposes.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: April 6, 1951

To:

Referral/Consult

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

There are transmitted herewith to the Central Intelligence Agency, and to the other agencies receiving copies of this communication, photostatic copies of two letters, both dated December 1, 1949, purportedly written by Carlos Bulosan to one Luis (possibly Luis Taruc) and to one Victor, (possibly Victor Amado Hernandez).

The above material was received by this Bureau during March, 1951, from a foreign source who is believed to be reliable. The source advised that the originals of these letters were in the possession of Jose Lava, described by the source as the "No. 1 Philippine Communist," prior to his arrest in the Philippine Islands the latter part of 1950.

It is noted from previous correspondence that your agency is cognizant of the activities of Taruc, Amado Hernandez and Bulosan.

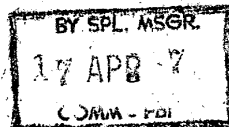
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Particular attention is directed to the quoted notation which appears on the last page of the letter from Bulosan to Victor wherein information is set forth concerning [redacted]. The files of this Bureau reflect no information which can be identified with Hallenda, however, an investigation is presently being conducted in order to identify and ascertain the present activities of this individual. Upon completion of our inquiries in this matter, your agency will be advised of the results.

b6 per FBI  
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cc - Mr. Donald L. Nicholson  
Chief  
Division of Security  
Office of Consular Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

(Attachments)

cc - Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Attention: Chief, Security Division

cc - Director of Naval Intelligence  
Department of the Navy  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

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cc - Director of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General  
Department of the Air Force  
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SAC, Washington Field

Director, FBI

COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

Rerep of SA [redacted]  
Washington, D. C.

dated 3-5-51 at

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Referral/Consult

Information contained in referenced San Francisco letter  
should be incorporated in the next report prepared in captioned  
matter by the Washington Field Office.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 10, 1951

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PT

Re: SA JAMES O. WEMPHER dated 3-5-51. wherein it was requested that

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CC: Washington Field

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